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TO AMEMBASSY RABAT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, MO

SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN'S CALL ON SECRETARY

1. AT 6:00 P.M. ON JUNE 13, AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN MADE HIS COURTESY CALL ON THE SECRETARY. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT KING HASSAN IS DOING FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION AND FOR THE HOSPITALITY HE HAS EXTENDED TO COLLEAGUES WHO RECENTLY VISITED MOROCCO, IN PARTICULAR UNDER SECRETARY HABIB.

2. BENGELLOUN RELAYED KING HASSAN'S WARM REGARDS TO PRESIDENT CARTER, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A VERY IMPORTANT LEADER NOT ONLY IN THE U.S. BUT IN THE WORLD. THE SECRETARY ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR THAT WE WANT TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE AND TO WORK WITH LEADERS OF OTHER NATIONS TOWARD THE SOLUTION OF REGIONAL PROBLEMS, AND SAID THAT WE SHALL SEEK THEIR ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ON MANY ISSUES. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD HOPE TO BENEFIT FROM THE KING'S WISE COUNSEL.

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3. RESPONDING TO BENGELLOUN'S RECOLLECTION THAT THE SECRETARY HAD MET FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI IN NEW YORK LAST NOVEMBER, THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LARAKI

VISIT THE U.S. SO THAT THEY COULD HAVE FURTHER TALKS. HE PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH BENGELLOUN ABOUT THIS.

4. WHEN BENGELLOUN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT MOROCCO, THE SECRETARY RECALLED THE PRIVATE VISIT HE HAD MADE TO MARRAKECH IN 1968 FOLLOWING THE PARIS PEACE TALKS.

5. THE AMBASSADOR THEN GAVE THE SECRETARY COPIES OF THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE AND RECALL AND THE REMARKS HE WILL MAKE WHEN HE PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT ON JUNE 24. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO SEE BENGELLOUN NEXT MONTH. CHRISTOPHER

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